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## FCC CHAIRMAN POWELL DESIGNATES COMMISSIONER KEVIN J. MARTIN TO CHAIR THE FEDERAL-STATE JOINT CONFERENCE ON ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Washington, D.C. – Federal Communications Commission Chairman Michael K. Powell today announced the designation of Kevin J. Martin, Commissioner of the FCC, to serve as Chair of the Federal–State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services (Joint Conference).

The Joint Conference was convened by the FCC in 1999 to further the vision of Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Patterned on a resolution by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, the Joint Conference joins federal and state forces to encourage the deployment of advanced telecommunications services to all Americans.

The Joint Conference is comprised of five state and four federal commissioners, and one ex-officio state commissioner. In addition to Chairman Powell and Commissioner Martin, members of the Joint Conference are Kathleen Q. Abernathy, FCC Commissioner; Michael J. Copps, FCC Commissioner; Lila Jaber, Chair of the Florida Public Service Commission; G. Nanette Thompson, Chair of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; Jo Anne Sanford, Chair of the North Carolina Utilities Commission; Irma Muse Dixon, Commissioner of the Louisiana Public Service Commission; Brett Perlman, Commissioner of the Public Utility Commission of Texas; and Bob Rowe, Commissioner of the Montana Public Service Commission (ex officio member).

Further information about the Joint Conference can be found on its web site: www.fcc.gov/jointconference.

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